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Katherine Fay Hunt's Black Photo Album

Reflections
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I've finally gotten around to scanning my grandmother Hunt's high school album, and of course it's threatening to turn into one of those endless projects that insists on expanding the more you work on it. Katherine Fay Ports — later Hunt. I believe the album was given to her for Christmas while she was still in high school at Camas High. I think she graduated in 1925.

This page is titled "Camas Beauties," and Kat is my grandmother. It's a lovely page on its own, but what makes it interesting is that it's only one small part of a much larger story. The album follows her and the family across a whole stretch of early life in southwest Washington and Oregon — Camas, Washougal, Portland, and even earlier connections to places like Toledo and Astoria, where the family lived for a time.

I scanned 30 pages today, and there may be around 120 pages total. The album is packed with photographs. Most seem to fall roughly between 1910 and the 1930s, maybe into the early 1940s. There are school photos, family photos, local scenes, and glimpses of the path my grandmother took as her life changed — including Monmouth, Ellensburg, Astoria, and Toledo. I've only recently learned more about some of that path myself: that she attended normal school, studied in Ellensburg, and taught at the Sunnyside school just northeast of Camas. There are even a few photos from that period.

Her father, Stanley Ports, had been a schoolteacher in Toledo and Astoria, and at times traveled to teach in places like Coos Bay before hearing loss forced him to give it up. I remember him much later in life with a hearing aid in his pocket, like a transistor radio, with a wire running up to his ear — usually sitting quietly and smiling. That detail feels unexpectedly close to me now. It runs in the family.

So this is more than a school album. It's a small visual history of one family moving through Camas, Washougal, Portland, and the Oregon coast during those years. And this page is just a fun sample. The next page, page 30 for example, shows the "eligible bachelors," complete with comments on each of them!